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Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. KAM 78-28, dated February 21, 1978, regarding the voluntary appearance of Mr. Tongsun Park before two committees of the United States Congress, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, the text of which reads as follows:

"With regard to the voluntary appearances of Mr. Tongsun Park before two committees of the United States Congress, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, and before United States courts, I have the honor to state that the following is the understanding of the Republic of Korea Government.

"1. The Republic of Korea Government will take all necessary steps to facilitate Mr. Park's travel to the United States for the purpose of his voluntary appearances before the two named committees and before United States courts in furtherance of cooperation embodied in the Joint Statement Regarding Cooperation Between

His Excellency

Kim Yong Shik,

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

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the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Korea Concerning the Case of Mr. Tongsun Park, dated December 31, 1977 and the Mutual Prosecution Assistance Agreement between the Republic of Korea Ministry of Justice and the U.S. Department of Justice Concerning Terms and Conditions for Communicating with Mr. Tongsun Park, dated January 10, 1973.

"2. The United States Government will admit Mr. Park to the United States under the statutory authority of the Attorney General and under the protection of the Department of Justice for the specific purposes of and the limited periods necessary for appearances before the two named committees, as well as for testifying at court trials, and gives full assurances that the Department of Justice does not intend to detain him in the United States. Under the arrangements in the above agreements, therefore, it is expected that he would return to the Republic of Korea promptly after his appearance before the two named committees and his trial testimony.

"I would appreciate your confirmation of the above understanding."

In response to your request, I am pleased to confirm the understandings contained in your note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Richard Holbrooke

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